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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING STATE DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE UNUSED STATE FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION, EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON EARLY LEARNING, OR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR USE BY A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL, EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM, OR ANY OTHER PURPOSE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE APPLICANT.

1 WHEREAS, public charter schools offer unique educational
2 options for Hawaii's youth; and

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4 WHEREAS, facilities funding has been a long-standing issue
5 for public charter schools; and

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7 WHEREAS, legislators recognized the need to fund charter
8 schools facilities by moving several measures addressing the
9 issue to conference during the 2014 Regular Session, but none of
10 the measures made the final decking deadline; and

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12 WHEREAS, the long term financial sustainability of charter
13 schools continues to be a concern; and

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15 WHEREAS, early learning programs are important to a child's
16 social, cognitive, physical, and emotional development; and

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18 WHEREAS, studies have shown that children who participate
19 in early learning programs are less likely to require expensive
20 special education and behavioral interventions throughout their
21 school years; and

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23 WHEREAS, the State has a duty to support its public charter
24 schools and early learning programs; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015,
28 that all state departments and agencies are requested to notify
29 the State Public Charter School Commission, Executive Office on
30 Early Learning, and the Department of Education of unused
31 facilities that may be appropriate for use by public charter



1 schools, early learning programs, or the Department of
2 Education; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon notice of an unused
5 facility, the State Public Charter School Commission and
6 Executive Office on Early Learning are requested to solicit
7 proposals from public charter schools and early learning
8 programs, respectively, that are interested in using and
9 occupying all or portions of the facility; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Public Charter School
12 Commission, Executive Office on Early Learning, and Department
13 of Education submit applications to use and occupy the facility
14 to the department or agency in control of the facility; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department or agency in
17 control of the facility is requested to review applications
18 submitted by the State Public Charter School Commission,
19 Executive Office on Early Learning, and Department of Education
20 and make a final determination of which applicant or applicants,
21 if any, are selected to use and occupy the facility; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Superintendent of
25 Education, Executive Director of the State Public Charter School
26 Commission, and Director of the Executive Office on Early
27 Learning.
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